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Special Issue

Government Partisanship in Presidential Systems

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Presentation

The party affiliation of ministers is a relevant dimension in the study of executive power. It is also a determining factor in the configuration of any government type and is present in all standard databases on cabinet members. Latin America constitutes the cornerstone of coalition presidentialism, a fruitful research agenda that allowed refuting voices such as those of Juan Linz, Giovanni Sartori, or Arend Lijphart. However, it is a notion that is little discussed and with operationalizations that tend to be limited to dichotomous categorizations, unsuitable for capturing different modalities of being a “partisan government.”

This issue proposes to contribute to the study of this topic by calling for empirical studies that advance the research agenda on the following fronts: on the one hand, the detection of different forms of party participation of ministers in Latin American cabinets; on the other, the exploration of possible explanations about the president’s strategic decisions for recruitment. Specifically, this special issue seeks to answer **questions such as: *Is there variation in the level and type of party membership of Latin American ministers? How are these types distributed across governments and portfolios? What are the factors that explain their recruitment? What are their impacts on the functioning of government?***

For this Special Issue, there will be two mechanisms to consider articles:

1. Luis Bernado Mejía Guinand and Marcelo Camerlo, our guest editors, propose to employ a newly developed methodology¹ to measure the partisanship level of presidential cabinets. In order to apply and discuss this methodology through case studies, interested parties are invited to send a brief proposal of the article they would develop (1,000 words maximum). Subsequently, the selected proposals will receive

¹ Camerlo & Castaldo, forthcoming.

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additional information to employ the methodology and will have the accompaniment of our guest editors during the development of their articles. Those interested in developing case studies based on the methodology proposed by the guest editors can contact them to resolve doubts.

2. General reception of articles that deal with the proposed questions from other methodological and theoretical approaches.

Schedule:

1. Receipt of article proposals: April 1-30, 2023
2. Pre-selection of proposals: June 2023.
3. General reception of articles (case studies and other approaches): February 1-March 10, 2024.

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